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Militant Unions Grow As Result of Southern California Strikes

Wirin Kidnapping Arouses State-wide Protests; 80 Strikers Now in Imperial Valley Jail Face Lynch Terror

Milk Strike Is Concentrated on Large Dairies

STRIKE IN SMALL PLACES IS CALLED OFF

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 26.—The Milk Section of the Food Workers Industrial Union, at their regular meeting last night, voted to concentrate on Adair, Golden State and Jessup dairies and call off the strike in all the other smaller dairies.

This move will make it possible to support the strikers in the large dairies, which have fought the strike with every form of police and gang terror and lying newspaper propaganda.

The other dairies have already begun calling the union to send out milkers. They have been caught between the pressure of the big dairies, which have been carrying on a milk price war in order to force them out of business and yet have insisted that they hold out against the union and the workers who have insisted on union recognition.

Milk is selling as low as 5c a quart in Los Angeles.

Supervisor Jessup, large dairy owner, has asked the A. F. of L. to organize a "legitimate" union of the milkers to fight the militant T.U.U. union.

Jail Baylin, Somers, Steve Somers, secretary of the Milk Section, and Meyer Baylin, member of the Trade Union Unity League Council, were arrested last night by deputy sheriffs and police on the trumped up charge of "kidnapping" because they signed the three who say they were kidnapped into the Union after they came to the Union headquarters.

Baylin and Jean Allen were arraigned this afternoon, and held on \$3000 bail each. Jean Allen was originally arrested along with Martha Meade and Peter Venema for "resisting officers" when they came to union headquarters to make the arrests. All are held.

Fakers Fail in Try to Split Gallup Miners

MINERS REFUSE TO JOIN THE U.M.W.A.; 75% ORGANIZED IN MILITANT UNION

GALLUP, N. M., Jan. 24.—Two attempts of the fakers Bill Reese, boss Moses, Statham and Telly to split the miners here by building a local of the A. F. of L. United Mine Workers of America failed recently.

At the first meeting, called in the Gamero (Gallup American Coal Co.) camp, Jan. 7th, about thirty showed up. Statham proposed that they change the name from the U.M.W.A. but this was voted down, some declaring the miners would not join the U.M.W.A. under any name. Moses, mine superintendent, proposed an independent union, but a miner said they were all satisfied with the militant National Miners Union and did not need two unions. The meeting was quickly adjourned.

The next meeting was called last Friday, after the U.M.W.A. group passed around the word that a mass meeting would be held to call a strike on Monday. On Friday night the regular meeting of the NMU Gamero local voted to attend the fakers' meeting, in the meantime by a leaflet warning the miners against the attempt of the U.M.W.A. to split their ranks and try to gain control of the pits and force the check-off system upon them.

Walk Out of Meeting
Statham opened the meeting, saying all those who did not want to join the U.M.W.A. must leave. Most of the meeting got up and walked out, including a member of the U.M.W.A. committee who resented this forcing the miners to leave a mass meeting. Only about forty were left in the hall, and they were company men, gunmen, store clerks, etc., with a few from camps outside Gamero.

After the miners left, those remaining voted a strict no-strike policy, and to abide 100% by the NRA—as interpreted by the Gamero.

More than 75% of the miners are in the National Miners Union, affiliated with the T.U.U., whose leadership won in their last strike and have no use for John Lewis' no-strike agreements.

Chambers Faces a New Visalia Frame-Up Trial; Rush Protests!

VISALIA, Cal., Jan. 29.—The trial of Pat Chambers, district organizer of the Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union, on framed-up charges of Criminal Syndicalism for activity in the October cotton strike, will begin here Feb. 6.

In the first trial, held in December, so flimsy was the frame-up that six of the jury voted for his acquittal.

Chambers, together with Stanley Hancock and Dorothy Ray is at present in jail in Imperial Valley.

To save Chambers from being railroaded to a four-year term, all individuals and workingclass organizations should at once rush protests to Dist. Atty. Haight and to Judge Lamberson demanding the charges be dropped.

ORANGE STRIKE IS CALLED OFF; GAINS SCORED

UNITY OF RANK AND FILE IN THREE UNIONS IS KEPT DESPITE MISLEADERS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 24.—The strike of 550 orange pickers in San Bernardino, Riverside and Los Angeles counties was called off Monday night by the Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union, with an increase in 1½c a box pay for the pickers over the 4c a box previously paid.

Where usually 5000 pickers work in the orchards in this vicinity, this year the peak was 2500. Pay was so low, experienced pickers hardly averaged 50c a day.

When the strike was called, the members of the Mexican Confederation of Labor voted to form a united front with the C. & A.W.I.U. and remained true to their decision throughout the strike, picketing alongside the Industrial Union members, and bravely with them, the organized police terror whenever it was necessary to hold union meetings or distribute leaflets and bulletins.

Although the A. F. of L. union took no action in the strike, the pickers in that union refused to join the C. & A.W.I.U. during the strike. In Redlands A. F. of L. misleaders tried, and failed, in efforts to break the strike, while terror was organized against the strikers. More than 400 paid deputies were used in the fields.

Realizing the failure to make larger gains was due to insufficient organization, the union is organizing stronger for future struggles.

Oregon Supreme Court Hesitates in Jordan Case

PROTESTS FORCE COURT TO ASK FOR "MORE DETAILS"

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 25.—The mass protest roused by the International Labor Defense to save Theodore Jordan, Negro worker, from the noose on framed-up charges of murder, has temporarily halted the Oregon Supreme Court from denying his petition for a re-hearing of the case. The court has requested the Klamath County district attorney to file a brief in the case, in answer to the appeal of the I. L. D. attorney.

Convicted purely on repudiated "confessions" forced from him by brutal third-degree methods, Jordan's position is no less dangerous now, as the move for a prosecution brief is seen only as getting a legal basis on which to deny the appeal.

The protests to save him must be intensified. Every individual, every workingclass organization, must at once rush protests to the Oregon Supreme Court, Salem, Oregon, demanding they grant the rehearing, and to Gov. Meier, Salem, demanding the immediate and unconditional release of Jordan.

2,000 at Brawley Agricultural Union Meet

I. L. D. TO DEFEND THE 80 ARRESTED DURING STRIKE

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25.—At Wirin, attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union, recently kidnapped by an armed gang in Brawley during the lettuce pickers strike, has returned to Los Angeles to prepare his case against Captain Hynes, Cato of the State Highway Patrol in Imperial Valley, Governor Rolph, and twenty-five "John Does" for conspiracy to break the Cannery & Agricultural Workers strike by terrorism, violence and lawlessness. He is suing these three and others for \$250,000 damages.

Two dozen thugs kidnapped Wirin from the Planters Hotel Tuesday night, carried him out into the desert, beat him, and left him there, threatening death if he didn't leave the valley. They had hoped by this means to stop the Azteca Hall meeting, for which the A. C. L. U. had procured a Federal injunction against Sheriff Campbell and Chief of Police Cromer to prevent its being broken up. However, 2000 agricultural workers gathered quietly for an hour for Wirin to appear, and when it was clear he would not be present, other speakers took the floor and the meeting was carried on.

When Wirin was located in El Centro later that night, the armed drunken mob of deputies and Legionnaires forced them all into automobiles and with police escort they and Wirin were driven out of Imperial county.

I. L. D. Defending Jailed Strikers

With all the efforts of the International Labor Defense at work defending the 80 strikers who had been arrested in the reign of terror, a joint conference of the I. L. D., Trade Union Unity League, American Civil Liberties Union, Pen and Hammer and others decided the A. C. L. U. should fight in the valley for the right of the workers to meet, while the other organizations supported the strike in (Continued on Page 5, Col. 7.)

Cordage Co. Men Strike and Win

ORANGE, Cal., Jan. 23.—One hundred and twenty workers at the Great Western Cordage Co. went on strike here last Monday and within fifteen minutes had won an increase of 20% and returned to work.

The workers had organized into a union, but when the membership had grown to forty a long dormant committee stepped in and influenced the membership not to join the Trade Union Unity League.

As a result of the strike the workers who started the union are showing the results of organizing and are continuing the struggle to affiliate the union with the T.U.U.

WIRE BARES SCHARRENBERG TRIED TO HAVE CHARTER OF S. F. STEVEDORES REVOKED; FEARED TO ANTAGONIZE SHIPOWNERS

Below we reprint a copy of a telegram sent by Joseph P. Ryan, president of the International Longshoremen's Union, to Lee Holman, president of the San Francisco local, which we have been able to obtain and throws some light on the double-dealing tactics of the officials, behind the backs of the workers.

In the wire Ryan includes the wire he received from Paul Scharrenberg, Secretary of the California Federation of Labor, and his reply to it. Apparently there is a struggle between two groups of fakers. The wire follows.

Lee Holman, 19 Hancock St., San Francisco.

Have received following wire from Paul Scharrenberg quote. Have received regret your hasty action at time when everything was lined up to swing towards its national affiliation twenty-five hundred men organized independently for fourteen years and working under collective bargaining and job control. Chartering independent association would have resulted in organizing San Pedro under International. Your strange maneuvering will blast these prospects. Chartering Holman group will cause bitter antagonism of ship-owners. I therefore earnestly recommend that you revoke charter already issued and at least give the local association opportunity of joining like men. End. Quote.

TO WHICH I HAVE REPLIED:

Recent tone of your telegram. San Francisco longshoremen have had opportunity to join like men for past eighteen years, but due to strange maneuvering on part of officers which you have apparently condoned they have remained outside of their International organization. I am informed by Bjorklund, Holman and Deal that vast majority San Francisco longshoremen have

Los Angeles Will Double Communist Signature Quota

WILL COLLECT 10,000; RED SUNDAYS BRING GOOD RESULTS

Ask More Petitions

ELECTION CONFERENCE OF ORGANIZATIONS ON FEB. 11

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—Asking for more petitions to place a larger number of signature collectors on the job, Los Angeles informed the State Election Committee that they intend to collect twice the 5,000 quota given them.

They point out that they are determined to organize such a large backing for the Communist Party on the ballot, that the state officials will not even dare attempt to keep it off.

An enlarged conference to involve all workers organizations in the drive, will take place in Los Angeles on Feb. 11.

Reports coming from many cities indicate that where Party and other workers organizations organize "Red Sundays", excellent reports are obtained. The District election campaign committee will soon announce a district-wide "Red Sunday", during which an effort will be made for the most thorough mobilization of all Communist supporters and members, to comb every neighborhood.

1200 Welcome Soviet Seamen at S. F. Meeting

SOVIET WORKERS GREATLY IMPRESSED BY SUPPORT FOR SOVIET UNION

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27.—More than 1200 workers jammed every available inch of Eagles Hall last night to give a rousing welcome to the seamen of the Soviet Maritime, Sovizpushina, Transcendental enthusiasm stopped the speeches time and again as the workers applauded the crew, every reference to the successes of the Soviet Union and the call to build a Soviet America here.

The Marine Workers Industrial Union, sponsoring the welcome, gave two beautiful banners to the crew, a flag to be placed in Lenin's tomb and a banner to hang in the Marine Workers Hall in Vladivostok. Captain Zeleny accepted the banners and in the name of the whole crew thanked the workers of San Francisco for their expressions of solidarity. The other members of the crew were cheered as they took their places on the platform, but were unable to respond in English.

This meeting followed a continual stream of thousands of visitors to the little boat docked on the Oakland side of the bay. A dance followed the meeting, during which the San Francisco workers had an opportunity to have personal talks with members of the crew through translations, signs and gestures.

A "Red Dedication" will take place for the Ruthenberg House, new headquarters of the Workers School at 121 Haight St., on Sunday, Feb. 4, 8:00 p. m. Comrade Morris, editor of the Western Worker, who knew the first secretary of the Party personally will give a sketch of Comrade Ruthenberg and his work.

In addition there will be entertainment and dancing. There will be a film showing, and a mass chant. Admission 25c, unemployed 10c.

Ruthenberg House Dedication Feb. 4

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Over 300 workers have so far joined the council.

Demonstrations Feb. 3 Will Place Demands Before CWA; To Back Wash. Convention

Lord Marley, Editor of "Brown Book" To Speak at S. F. Anti-Fascist Meeting

Will Speak Feb. 14 at Opera House on "One Year of Hitler Terror"

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—Lord Marley, International Chairman of the Committee to Aid the Victims of German Fascism, editor of the famous "Brown Book", member of the English Parliament, will speak in San Francisco on Wednesday evening, Feb. 14, at the Opera House on Van Ness Avenue.

He will arrive by airplane from Chicago on Feb. 13. His subject will be "One Year of the Hitler Regime". Lord Marley, was one of the most active in gathering the facts which so thoroughly exposed the Nazi Reichstag fire frame-up of the four Communists, Torgler, Dimitroff, Popoff and Taneff.

Despite the short notice given for the arrangements of this meeting it is expected to be the greatest anti-fascist demonstration yet witnessed in San Francisco.

Thugs Attack Alex Noral on Way to Speak at Earlimart

HIT IN FACE WITH ROCK, BUT SPEAKS ANYWAY; WORKERS DEFEND MEETING

EARLIMART, Cal., Jan. 28.—Continuing their terrorism in an effort to smash the workers movement in the valley, a gang of thugs ambushed the car taking Comrade Alex Noral to speak at the Earlimart meeting. Hidden in a vineyard about a quarter of a mile from the meeting place, the gang burst out and hurled a shower of rocks into the car, badly cutting Noral's mouth and loosening all his front teeth.

This, however, did not stop Noral and he delivered his speech on "The NRA, Fascism and War", while workers armed themselves and guarded the meeting. Although none were identified, earlier rumors indicates it was American Legionnaires working with the same gang of landlords who murdered two strikers in Pixley during the cotton strike.

Relief Fight
On Friday thirty men, women and children from the Cannery & Agricultural Workers' Industrial Union went to Tulare and demanded clothes for their children so they could go to school. After putting up a militant fight, they finally forced Mrs. Tubbs to give them the necessary orders (Continued on Page 5, Col. 7.)

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PESCADERO, Cal., Jan. 25.—Two of the leaders of the Cannery & Agricultural Industrial Union, Leo Maigues and V. Ordoniz, were arrested yesterday by Redwood City police.

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The strike, now in its third week, is for 25c an hour, weekly pay days and recognition of the union.

Rothstein, Rother, on Trial in Free-Speech Fight

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—Tomorrow at 2 p. m. in Judge McKie's court at the Hall of Justice, Comrades Ida Rothstein and Henry Rother will stand trial for "speaking in a park". Two weeks ago these two and ten others were jailed for holding the regular open air meeting in Jefferson Park, and when in court ordered to repeat an oath of allegiance to the flag, the twelve refused. Judge McKie held Rothstein and Rother, releasing the others.

The International Labor Defense, pointing out that this is an important fight in the battle for free speech, appeals to all workers to pack the courtroom Wednesday for the trial.

S. F. MEET AT CIVIC CENTER 12:30; CARAVANS OF ALL STATES ON WAY TO PRESENT UNEMPLOYED DEMAND

Demand 30 Hours Work at Union Scale, and that Jobs Continue After Feb. 15

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 30.—A delegation of six, including California representatives to the National Convention Against Unemployment have been arrested here and jailed on charges of "vagrancy".

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—The San Francisco CWA workers and unemployed will demonstrate on Feb. 3, 12:30 p. m. at the Civic Center, to present demands to Captain Macaulay, for the continuation of the CWA jobs beyond Feb. 15, and to back similar demands being taken by the Northern California delegates to the National jobs convention at Washington on Feb. 3, 4 and 5.

Parades will proceed from mobilization points in all parts of the city. Petitions are now being circulated by the Construction Workers Industrial Union, demanding 30 hours work per week at union scales. These petitions will be shown to the local authorities and then forwarded to Washington. Committees are being elected on the jobs and will present them.

Set Frame-Up Trial of Stockton Men 2 Mos. in Advance

\$1,000 BAIL FOR DEMANDING DECENT SOUP-LINE CONDITIONS

STOCKTON, Cal., Jan. 27.—Two unemployed workers, Ray Gogan and Herron, are being sentenced with out trial here on a frame-up of Ben Culver, local Federal relief administrator, Salvation Army captain, Strathdee, (both of whom claim to be "Socialists"), and Police Chief Fredericks. Arrested for being among sixty unemployed workers who recently demanded food at the S. A. kitchen and stayed until they got it, they are held on two charges with bail set at \$1000 each. And their trial has been set two and a half months in advance, since it is clear the flimsy charges can not stand up. Four others jailed with them on the same vagrancy charges had been released.

A committee of action elected from the S. A. called upon Daniels, in charge of the single workers relief, to protest against the inhuman conditions imposed upon them and forced Daniels to admit that food of the poorest quality is being served not only at the Salvation Army but at the Commons and Grand Ma's kitchens as well.

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CWIU Is Fighting Union, Delegate Proves on Job

HACKNEY BEATS BOSS WHO TRIES TO TRANSFER HIM

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27.—"Any time anyone starts anything with the CWA workers that are in the CWIU, those fellows will fight back, no matter if its Roosevelt, Christ or the devil." So said the superintendent of the Lake Merced job yesterday, and he knew what he was talking about.

Earlier in the day the boss of the 400 gang sent for Construction Workers Industrial Union delegate, Hackney, wanting to transfer him out of the gang for telling the workers about the union and get him shifted to another gang which severely follows every word of the boss. "They'll throw you in the lake," he said.

But Hackney refused to be transferred. "Oh yes you will," said the husky boss, hitting him on the jaw. After all, it's easy to hit a seventy-year-old man. But he got the surprise of his life when Hackney socked him right back and drew blood.

The men of Hackney's gang surged around him, and demanded that Hackney stay right where he was and that if anybody left must be the boss. A delegation went to the main superintendent, led by the CWIU job committee.

And Hackney was not transferred. And not only do the Lake Merced bosses realize the CWIU will fight on the job, but other CWA workers, seeing it, want to know more about a union like that.

EAST OF THE ROCKIES

Funds for Big Navy Will Pass

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.—Oiling the administration-controlled congressional machinery, house leaders today cleared the way for approval of the naval building program with an additional \$380,000,000 expenditure calculated "to give America a treaty-size navy." Plans were announced to increase to 2100 the number of airplanes as against 1000 provided for at present by the bill. Ultimate passage of the bill by the senate is assured.

Protests Force Arrest of Lynchers

HAZARD, Ky., Jan. 25.—Four men are being held here as officials attempt to cover up their laxity in protecting Rex Scott, a Negro, who was taken from Perry County jail here and lynched. A wave of indignant protests poured in upon Governor Ruby Laffoon at Lexington over the lynching of the Negro.

German Interest Due U. S.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 22.—Dr. Hans Luther, German ambassador to the United States, was called to the White House to confer with Roosevelt on interest payments on \$1,000,000,000 in German bonds owned by Americans. The president has sent two dunning letters to the Nazi government in an effort to collect the interest for Wall Street but has failed to receive a reply.

Bombs Thrown in Farm Sale

KENTLAND, Ind., Jan. 24.—Tear-gas bombs were used here against 1,000 farmers seeking to block a farm mortgage sale here Sunday. Three farmers were arrested, including Alfred Tiba, national secretary of the United Farmers League. The three held on \$5,000 bail, were spirited out of town by the sheriff who feared the mass of farmers would forcibly free them.

Miners Defy Lewis Machine

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 22.—Three hundred and fifty miners here have refused to obey orders of the United Mine Workers Union that they return to work immediately. The miners are on strike in protest against the discharge of five of their number by coal operators because they were arrested last September and indicted on charges of riot.

Huge Drop in U. S. Economy Shown

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 21.—The extent in the drop in the U. S. economy was shown in the survey of the special committee, at the request of the Senate. The committee after a year's work, issued a 200-page report now made public. It includes that the national income fell from \$11 billion dollars in 1929, to 49 billion dollars at the end of 1932. Production income totalled \$3 billion in 1929 and fell to \$8 billion in 1932. Wages fell more than any other item. In six major industries computed wages declined to 39.8% of the 1929 total.

Walk Out on Waldorf Astoria Guests

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y., Jan. 26.—A walk-out of 600 hotel employees of the luxurious Waldorf Astoria Hotel during the dining hour, marked the start of a strike to spread to all New York hotels. The strike started when two members of the Amalgamated Food Workers Union were discharged. The wealthy guests were forced to bear the great discomfort of "eating out." The Food Workers Industrial Union is giving full support to the strike.

Delegates Pouring in for FSU Convention

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y., Jan. 26.—More than 500 credentials are reported in already for the national convention of the Friends of the Soviet Union, which promises to be the broadest of any in its history. Delegates from 25 states are pouring into New York.

Milkers Tell How Scab 'Kidnapping' Story Originated

SCABS FILE CHARGES AFTER THEIR RIDICULOUS DEMANDS ARE REJECTED

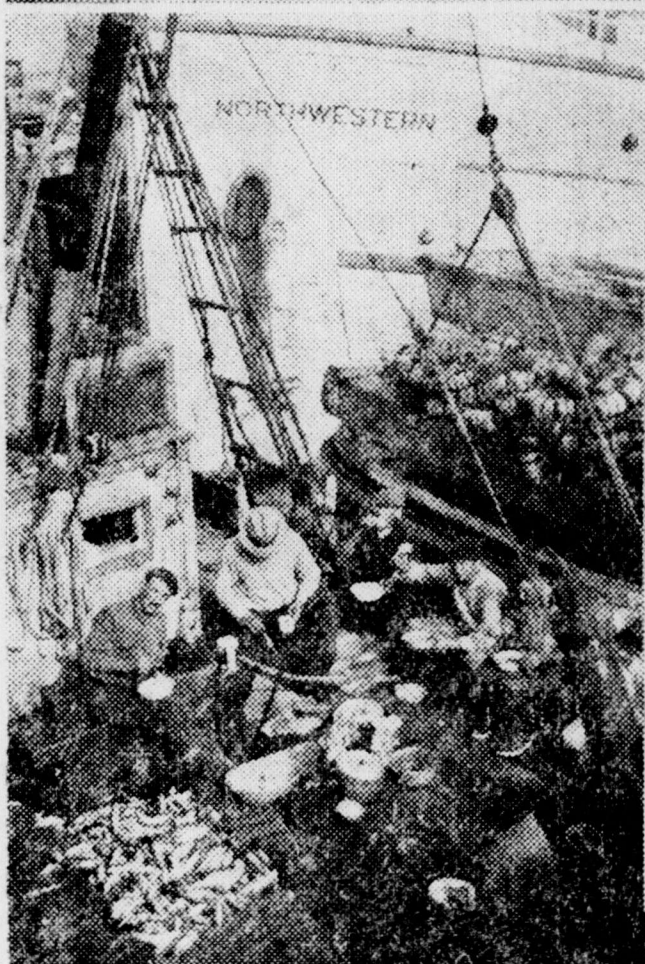
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 24th.—That the three scabs who are accusing striking milkers of "kidnapping" them did not file those charges until after their excessive demands for strike relief had been denied by leading members in the union, is the statement of a number of milkers and other TUL members who were present at the time these demands were made.

Charles Lopez, Jesus Garibay and Perez, had been persuaded by milk strike pickets to stop scabbing and join the union. They came up to the union hall and Lopez, as spokesman, made demands of Elmer Fowler, Pete Venema and others, for food and money for strike relief. Fowler pointed out that these men had been working for two weeks and had pay coming, and having given the men a meal and fifty cents carfare said that was all they were entitled to at the time. Lopez became very angry and, taking the other two with him, left the hall. He returned within an hour with police, declared that he had been "kidnapped" and pointed out those with whom he had been arguing as the ones guilty.

Nevada CWA Same as in Other States

FALLON, Nev., Jan. 25.—The CWA has arrived here with its "special staff" of buck-passers and its customary policy of discrimination. When help is needed only those persons who are personally known to the members of the staff get it. Men who were not even registered were told to do so and immediately given jobs, while others, registered days before, were told that there was no work. Need is no criterion for obtaining work. Those who have credit on a bill at the stores get the jobs; those with no credit, who were on the hunger line, have to wait. One farmer, a single man with several thousand dollars worth of gilt-edged securities is working, but others, needing it, are not. The small proportion of the unemployed who have been put to work shows clearly the inadequacy of the CWA as a means of unemployment relief, although the stagger system has been employed in order to give work to more men, and get them off the relief rolls. —CWA Worker.

Sardine Fishermen Win Strike



Tying up all eight canneries, San Pedro fishermen last week struck and won their demand for \$7 a ton on all eight-inch sardines. The strike was a united front of all fishermen's organizations, led by the Fishermen's and Cannery Workers Industrial Union.

Upper photo shows one of the meetings on the dock with the Western Worker being sold to the strikers. Lower photo, crew of one of the fishing boats.

RISEN FROM WOE

BY 12 COMRADES
(Sung as a Negro Spiritual)

Sorrow's children, misery's kin,
Negroes white men spurned;
Slavery's chains they forced us to bear,
Scorned, lynched and burned.
Then we learned what Workers can be:
Learned that toilers all can be free.
Now we face a glorious day,
Hail Soviet sway!

(CHORUS)
Risen from woe, onward we go,
Stronger we know, able to grow;
Workingclass folk breaking our yoke,
Taught by that Star: U. S. R. R.
Turning from years dripping with tears;
Fighting for bread, by Communists led,
Risen from woe, onward we go,
Cheering the flag that's red.

Age-long torture opened our eyes,
Death-stained years we've shed;
Murder's vengeance stifled our cries;
Smote, mocked our dead.
Bore our heartaches year after year,
Now we know the road that is ours,
Hail Soviet pow'rs!

L. A. Workers Kill Anti-Picketing Ordinance

LARGE PROTEST MOVEMENT AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY MOBILIZED

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 23.—Two thousand workers gathered at the Plaza at noon today under the auspices of the Trade Union Unity League and the International Labor Defense to protest against the police and gang terror against striking workers in Southern California, and the raid on the local TUL headquarters Saturday night, and the arrest of five workers on frame-up charges of kidnapping and criminal syndicalism.

Representatives of workers organizations and the Communist Party spoke on the strikes and the terror. Steve Somers, secretary of the Milkers Union said, "Since 1906, this is the first time the milkers have had any real support to fight for bettering their conditions."

Defeat Ordinance
Yesterday in a Council Chamber packed with workers and others opposed to the proposed county anti-picketing ordinance, the ordinance was defeated by a three to two vote of the county Board of Supervisors. Delegations from the Trade Union Unity League, the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union, the Milkers Union and the National Students League spoke against the bill.

Huzzell, secretary of the Central Labor Council of the A. F. of L. spoke against the ordinance because "the criminal syndicalism law takes care of the situation." He said the city should have issued an injunction against the milk strike.

Supervisor Jessup, dairy owner who has been fighting the milkers, and who went back on his agreement with the union, was one of those who voted in favor of the ordinance.

Comrade Calvin Johnson Sought

Information is desired as to the whereabouts of Calvin Johnson, an active worker in the North Beach Section. Comrade Johnson, a Negro worker, suddenly disappeared, and was last seen on Jan. 11. Johnson is 28 years old, 5 feet 6 1/2 inches tall and weighs about 160 pounds. When last seen he was wearing a black suit. Anyone able to throw light on his whereabouts, please communicate with the Western Worker, 37 Grove Street. —North Beach Sec. Com.

FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

Fukien Treachery Bared

SHANGHAI, China, Jan. 29.—Light was thrown upon the sudden collapse of the Fukien revolt today when reports reaching here told of a \$6,000,000 (Mexican) bribe paid by the Nanking government to General Tsai Ting-kai, commander of the 19th Route Army, Eugene Chen and other leaders of the Fukien movement. That the sell-out was complete is evident in the fact that despite reported defeats the 19th Route Army still holds the upper hand and is using its advantageous position to bargain with the Nanking and Cantonese warlords.

While U. S., Japanese and British warships landed additional marines to assist Nanking troops to suppress mass anti-imperialist and anti-Kuomintang upsurge, the treacherous Tsai Ting-kai left Foochow today for the south. He has been engaged the past few days in combatting the joint resistance of workers and rank and file 19th Route Army men. At Amoy men of the 19th Route Army have been putting up a bitter fight against the Nanking forces despite orders from their commanders.

French Demonstrations Increase

PARIS, France, Jan. 22.—Police today arrested hundreds of French workers when thousands demonstrated in protest against pay cuts imposed upon government workers, including railroad and postal employees. Another cabinet crisis is predicted in government circles.

Masses Protest New Cuba Regime

HAVANA, Cuba, Jan. 23.—Recognition of the Menditea government in Cuba by the United States today following months of strife in the island indicating the efficiency with which Mr. Jefferson Caffery has whipped Cuban politicians "in order" by no means lessened the tension here. Demonstrations continue as the physicians and pharmacists remain on strike. The new regime was immediately greeted by a large demonstration which marched to the center of the city and forced the manager of Hotel Inglaterra to remove the nationalist sign. Soldiers attempting to interfere were disarmed.

Soviet Leaders See Japan Attack

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Jan. 25.—Gravity of the situation in the Orient and the imminence of a Japanese attack upon the Soviet Union was stressed in speeches by L. M. Kaganovich and I. V. Kossior, members of the Communist Political Bureau. The former spoke before a Moscow city and province Communist Party conference and pointed to the abandonment of all pretenses at peace talk. Kossior analyzed the feverish preparations in Germany and Japan for war against the Soviet Union.

More for Japanese Navy

TOKYO, Japan, Jan. 26.—While Japanese officials continue to issue threatening statements toward the Soviet Union the Japanese navy is planning to spend 200,000,000 yen for further naval building, it was learned today. This is in addition to the largest naval budget in the history of Japan, recently announced.

Gallagher Given Until Jan. 27

BERLIN, Germany, Jan. 23.—Leo Gallagher, I. L. D. attorney, sent by the American workers to defend the Reichstag fire victims, was given until Jan. 27th to get out of Germany. He is here to demand the release of the four acquitted, and arrange for their safe passage out of the country. A flood of protests is again reaching Germany from all parts of the world demanding the immediate release of the victims.

Nazis Face Grave Crisis

BERLIN, Germany, Jan. 26.—A possible crisis was seen in the Nazi government with the assembling here of one of the most important financial conferences held since the war. Sudden departure of Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, president of the Reichbank, from Berlin on the eve of the conference, lent weight to persistent rumors of friction between heads of the central bank and cabinet members and of a general crisis in the Nazi regime. The conference was called by Dr. Schacht to discuss a moratorium on part of the foreign debt.

World Events and Western Workers

By Geo. Morris

John Barry's Idea for Anti-War Work — A Big Army and Navy — The Communist Position — Japan Worries About Advancing Red China — 100 Million Chinese Under Red Flag — "Moscow Gold" Yarn Again — Read Comintern Theses

The Bay Region Congress Against War, which will have already taken place when this issue goes off the press, should be able to attract very broad circles for united action in face of the latest war developments. It includes among its sponsors virtually every shade of opinion, beginning with the Communists who carry on an uncompromising militant struggle against imperialist war down to conservative pacifists, who may be "barely suspected" of being against war. For instance, Fremont Older, editor of the jingo Hearst paper, the San Francisco Call-Bulletin.

This composition should, however, not prevent the Communists and other militant workers from being the most active force in the congress. In fact, as in every movement that hurts capitalism, they will be the only life-giving element. But we hope that our friends who make up the large list of well known sponsors, will not take us for a bunch of roughnecks if we level a little criticism at any of them. That's one of the peculiar things about us Communists. We never give up our right to criticize, especially such viewpoints as negate the very purpose of the united front.

John D. Barry, columnist on the San Francisco News, and listed as chairman of the conference expressed his reasons for joining in his column on Jan. 25th. He says:

"In time of peace prepare for war." The saying has terrible implications. It disturbs a great many peace advocates. They think it's unsound. "Though I am a peace advocate myself, I have another opinion. In the kind of peace that is maintained throughout a large part of the world, it strikes me that preparation for war is good sense and important. It helps to bring trouble on, to be sure. But it recognizes that the way we live brings trouble and we'd better be on our guard. "Through war the world pays for its mean advantages."

Pacifists Help War-Mongers

Is there any wonder that Lenin characterized pacifism as the most dangerous ideology to the workers? Not only do they paralyze the workingclass by preventing militant action against war, but they in addition proclaim that only huge military preparation is a guarantee against war. Could anything be sweeter for the militarists?

a genuine anti-war congress can only have a paralyzing effect. The key to stopping war is for the workers in each country to fight against the war plans and imperialist designs of their respective governments. Only such a position expresses true internationalism.

Barry's position is a nationalist one, the same as that taken by the Social-Democratic betrayers on the eve of the last war. It is seeing only another Imperialist power, not your own, as the "aggressor" (for that matter any of the imperialist powers would be the aggressor, if it sees an advantage in doing so. Only the Soviet Union is content to defend its own boundaries). What Barry is trying to do is to weed in the imperialist program of his newspaper boss, Roy Howard, into the anti-war congress.

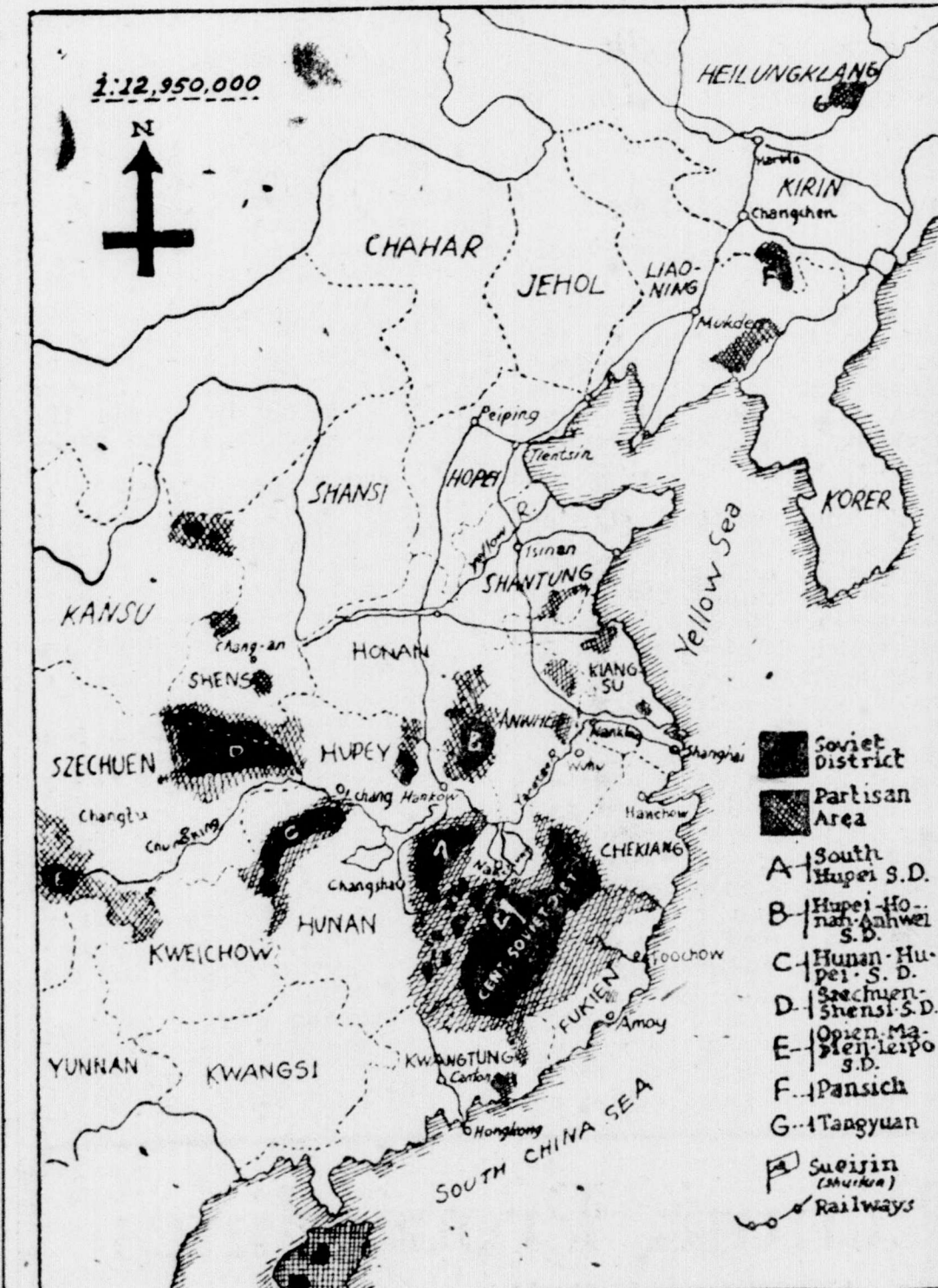
Communist Position
The Communists maintain that if the congress is to be worth anything it must not confine itself to adopting "peace loving" resolutions, or to merely pointing out how horrible the next war will be. The conference should declare the imperialist aims of the U. S. are not different than those of other imperialist powers. The building of a large navy and air force is not for defending the U. S. but is for establishing the U. S. as the dominant imperialist power; to impose the will of the U. S. imperialists on the oppressed peoples, the Philippine Islands, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Cuba, South American and Central American countries, China and wherever else an American dollar may or could be invested, to exploit the natives.

The conference should adopt practical measures should adopt for the widest mass protest movement, involving the rank and file of all workers organizations to protest intervention moves, and shipment of munitions. This movement must especially center among the workers directly engaged in the shipment and manufacture of war materials.

The conference should call for all war funds to the unemployed. The toiling masses and small property owners should be shown that huge war appropriations are only increasing the tax burden which is chiefly shifted on their shoulders. They should be told that the U. S. imperialists are now the main factor that is pushing Japan towards a war against the Soviet Union, as the first step towards a war with the victor, for domination of the Pacific.

Only such a movement could make it too dangerous for the imperialists to attempt a war. This movement is why the Communist movement in all countries and the existence of the Soviet

Soviet China Grows!



This recent map shows the extent to which Soviet districts in Central China are growing, embracing one-sixth of the total territory and about one-quarter of the population. Central Chinese Soviet government is now in its 3rd year.

Union is the chief factor making for peace.

Soviet China Advances

Koki Hirota, foreign minister of Japan, in an address before the Japanese Diet, tried to convince Japanese imperialism that Japan is the only stabilizing force (read—protector of Imperialist interests) in the Far East and therefore should get support for its war and robber program. Pointing to various features disturbing to imperialism, he says the following about Soviet China:

"Meanwhile we are watching not without great misgivings, the activities of the Communist Party, and the increasing rampancy of the Red Armies in China." But just as the Japanese war-

army were completely cut up in the fighting."

But the most remarkable is the success of the Red Army since the Kuomintang government has launched its latest and sixth campaign, for which every available force is mobilized, including airplanes donated by U. S. imperialists. No sane person believes that the loans for the planes will ever be paid. Thus far the score stands with more territory gained for the Soviets.

Fukien Clique

The capitalist press made a great deal of capital out of the defeat of the Fukien revolt, trying to give an impression that this was a defeat for the Communists. This is a brazen lie. It was a combination of traitors, who broke away from the Kuomintang, and only used revolutionary phraseology to attract the masses. The leaders of this short-lived government include some of the worst butchers in China, like the head of the 19th Route Army, Tai Tsing Kai.

These traitors, as has already trickled out, sold out to the Nanking government, and deliberately paralyzed the will to fight on the part of the army and masses.

From information already at hand, our Communist Party of China, is showing that in the fire of revolution it is rapidly being hammered out as a Bolshevik Party. The Red Army made a united front with this group, who styled themselves the champions of the people, on the basis of a non-aggression pact and a common fight against Nanking. The united front lasted just long enough for the Communists to win a large part of the rank and file in the 19th Route Army, and the Fukien masses. During the time that Nanking fought with the revolting group, the Red Army consolidated its position and made further advances.

The Score to Date

The sum total of the situation is as follows: The Soviet territories embrace one-sixth of the area of China, with a population of 100 million. In addition there is extensive territory covered by partisan groups.

The large and medium factories have been socialized, and factory administration patterned after the Soviet Union system is being introduced. The eight-hour day is law. There are already more than 300 factory co-operatives. The landlords have been driven out.

The results of collectivization have already given fine examples to the Chinese peasants. The trade unions in the Soviet

territories have now a membership of 2,200,000, and are leading in the work of Socialist construction. The Chinese women, now emancipated, have added tremendous forces to the revolution.

The Red Army is no longer composed of guerilla bands, but is a well organized, and disciplined army. Thanks to the imperialists, the "Reds" got some of the most modern military equipment, which go along with the regiments that desert to them.

So the Japanese imperialists have plenty to worry about. And they gravely tell our bosses here to do their share of the worrying.

Nothing will be spared in this latest campaign (Chiang Kai-shek's government already declared that "it is too weak to fight Japan"), so they turn all they have against the people of China. The U. S. imperialists are furnishing the airplanes and the aviators.

Now as never before, the Chinese people call for our solidarity. They ask that we stop the shipments of war materials, that we expose the real nature of the loans, that we popularize their heroic achievements and the heroic sacrifice of the masses in China for the World Soviet Republic.

Two Months of Soviet Recognition

The Washington correspondent of the National Whirligig is already beginning to waver. Two months have passed since Soviet U. S. recognition went into effect, but Communist activity did not stop. He says:

"Have communistic demonstrations and activities diminished since November 16th? An hour's talk with federal operatives and police officials who check reports from all over the country proves illuminating. The answer is that agitation is proceeding at about the same scale as before."

The correspondent admits that this intense Communist activity cannot be traced to the Soviet Union. "But where does the jack come from?" he asks. His answer is the American, the Soviet Trading Corporation in the United States is the source. And here is the proof:

"... There is no central treasury organization. And as for collections, a recent meeting in Washington is typical. About 80 people were present. Rent of the hall was \$4.00. It was announced the Unemployed Council would contribute \$2 if the audience would chip in the rest. After the hat was passed a careful count totaled \$1.84."

Even so we grant that the little description of the Communist meeting is true, how the bright correspondent makes that

Whitewash Arvin Murderers, Find Workers Guilty

FRAME-UP SO HOLLOW JUDGE PASSES OUT LIGHT SENTENCES

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Jan. 24.—Faced with overwhelming evidence of the frame-up of five cotton strikers tried here on charges of starting the Arvin riot last October, the jury nevertheless found four of them guilty and so white-washed the forty armed ranchers, deputies and finance men who fired into the picket line.

Herschel Real and Jessie McHenry were sentenced to sixty days and Alonzo Andrews and Mrs. Andrews to ten days. These terms were commuted to time already served while waiting for the trial, and they were released along with the fifth defendant, Homer Collingsworth, who was found "Not Guilty."

The jury, court and district attorney hoped by this frame-up verdict and release to stop any charges being brought against the deputies, ranchmen and finance companies who control the county. One deputy, Miller, was fired by the sheriff for testimony which favored the strikers.

The evidence throughout the two weeks trial proved conclusively that the forty armed ranchers, deputies and agents from the finance and gin companies were all armed and began the attack in the highway near the Mitchell ranch in which Pete

the proof for his contention still remains to be shown. Incidentally, while we never boast of having too much money for Communist activities, this is one movement that has no limit for expansion—anyone who reads our press can easily see that the remarkable part about the financing of the revolutionary movement in the United States, is the large number of small contributors. For instance, the \$40,000 for the Daily Worker collected in the recent drive came from 18,745 contributors. Each of these were acknowledged in the Daily Worker. A similar proportion will be found in the case of our Western Workers. Our mass meetings, attended by tens of thousands bear testimony to the fact that workers contribute very enthusiastically.

"Moscow Gold"

We Communists have no high-salaried officials, and as anyone who has any contact with our functionaries knows, there isn't much of that "Moscow Gold" that goes to them. Very few of the full-time functionaries are better off than the average relief worker, work hard night and day, and the only pleasure they get is to see their work bringing closer the day when capitalism will be smashed.

As a matter of fact neither this correspondent, nor Roosevelt seriously think that our movement is financed from the out-

Legion Wants to Reward for Arrest Active Communists

SAN LEANDRO, Cal., Jan. 28.—Legionnaires are asked to help terrorize the militant workers in the CCC Camp here. J. C. Dake, chairman of the Americanization committee of the local post of the American Legion, sponsored the proposed ordinance and the reward of \$25 for arrest of anyone attempting organization of Communist groups or spreading Communist propaganda. The ordinance will regulate the disposal of handbills, with a view to eliminating radical propaganda.

Subia, was murdered and many other strikers wounded. Even prosecution witnesses admitted this, while none of the thirteen could name a single striker who was armed.

Name Murderers
The five defendants each took the stand and, with most of the twenty-two defense witnesses, positively identified Raymond Hayes, Dan Daniels, Marvin Hays, Dan Daniels, manager of the gin company, Bogie East-binder and Henry Wallace as having shot directly into the picket line.

The attack was begun when the rancher, Mitchell, shouting "Now is the time, if we're going to do anything," rushed into the highway and struck Mrs. Viola Andrews. Deputies then hurled tear-gas bombs into the picket line and at least twenty-five of the ranchers fired into the strikers. The picket line defended itself as best they could by hurling oiled cloths of dirt from the highway and grabbing nearby grape-stakes.

But it's good "stuff" for much of the unthinking mass who as yet don't read the workers press. From their viewpoint it's a good thing to keep such an idea in front of the masses all the time. Some time in the future an excuse for breaking off relations with the Soviet Union may be needed, so it's advisable to have everything set, and blame the Communists in the bargain. They know that the Soviet recognition agreement could not determine if the Communist movement will continue or not. If these gentlemen would have only taken the trouble to read the Communist papers, they would have known that the agreement only reaffirmed that the Soviet government does not intend to export the revolution to America, for the revolution here is the task of the American workers themselves. But they are not interested in finding this out.

In the meantime we take pleasure in learning from our enemies that if they are not pleased with our work. To rub it in a little more, we refer these gentlemen to the Theses of the 13th Plenum of the Communist International printed in this issue, which has its headquarters in Moscow. We have not seen a word in the press that applies to all countries but that of the "Trotskyites" to find out on six pairs of glasses

The Present World Situation and the Tasks of the Communists

While the U. S. S. R., the bulwark of the international proletariat and the oppressed nations, is developing its socialist construction and raising its power to a higher and higher level, the economy of the capitalist world is falling to pieces. The bourgeoisie is tightening its economic means of exploitation by methods of fascist violence, by robbing the toiling classes and by war against other nations. But at the same time the revolutionary indignation of the toiling masses and their readiness to overthrow the intolerable yoke of the exploiting classes, is growing more and more.

FASCISM

(1) Fascism is the open, terrorist dictatorship of the most reactionary, most chauvinist and most imperialist elements of financial capitalism. Fascism secures a mass basis for monopoly capitalism among the petty-bourgeoisie, appealing to the farmers, small shopkeepers, office employees and government employees who have been thrown out of their normal course of life, and particularly to the declassed elements in the big cities also trying to penetrate into the working class.

The growth of fascism and its coming into power in Germany and in a number of other capitalist countries means:

(a) That the revolutionary crisis and the indignation of the broad masses against the rule of capital is growing.

(b) That the capitalists are no longer able to maintain their dictatorship by the old methods of parliamentarism and of capitalist "democracy" in general.

(c) That, moreover, the methods of parliamentarism and bourgeois democracy in general are becoming a hindrance to the capitalists both in their internal politics (the struggle against the proletariat) and in their foreign politics (war for the imperialist redistribution of the world).

(d) That in view of this, capital is compelled to pass to open terrorist dictatorship within the country and to aggress against other nations in foreign politics, which represents direct preparation for imperialist wars.

(2) While the general line of all bourgeois parties, including "socialist" parties is towards the fascistization of the rule of the bourgeoisie, the realization of this line inevitably gives rise to disagreement among them as to forms and methods of fascistization. Certain capitalist groups, particularly the "socialist" party and A. F. of L. leaders (social-fascists), who in practice do nothing in their acts of violence against the working-class, urge the maintenance of parliamentary forms. The fascists, however, insist on the full or partial abolition of these old, shaken forms of bourgeois democracy, on carrying through fascistization by means of the establishment of an open fascist dictatorship and by a wide application of both police violence and the terrorism of fascist gangs.

Having come to power, fascism pushes aside, splits and disintegrates the other bourgeois parties (for instance, Poland) or dissolves them (Germany and Italy). This striving of fascism for political monopoly intensifies the discord and conflicts in the ranks of the ruling classes which follow from the breaking through of the bourgeois position of the bourgeoisie who are becoming fascistized.

(3) The establishment of the fascist dictatorship in Germany has unmasked German Social-Democracy (counterpart of the American "socialist" party) before the whole world. From their bloody crushing of the proletarian revolution in 1918, through an uninterrupted chain of treachery and strike-breaking, through the coalition governments, the savage police massacres of revolutionary workers, voting for Hindenburg as the "lesser evil", to serve endeavors to cooperate openly with the fascist gangs.

(4) But the presence and operation of these tendencies, both economic and political, do not imply that revolutionary development is proceeding upwards by itself, or unhindered without resistance from counteracting forces. Revolutionary development is being hindered and retarded by the fascistization of the bourgeoisie. The question as to how soon the rule of bankrupt capitalism will be overthrown by the proletariat will be determined by the fighting preparedness of the majority of the workingclass, by the successful work of the Communist Parties in undermining the mass

workers intensifies the squabbles among the leading circles of the social-fascists. Avowed neo-fascist groups are arising; "left" fragments break away and try to patch together a new two and one-half international. Trotsky, the lackey of the counter-revolutionary capitalist class is unsuccessfully trying to prevent the more militant workers from coming over to the side of Communism by his despicable attempts to form a fourth international, and by spreading anti-Soviet slanders.

Finance Capitalism Cannot Restore Stabilization of Capitalism.

(4) The economic policy of the financial oligarchy for overcoming the crisis (the robbery of the workers and peasants, subsidies to the capitalists and landlords) is unable to restore the stabilization of capitalism; on the contrary, it is helping still further to disintegrate the mechanism of capitalist economy (disorganization of the money system, of the budget, state bankruptcies, a further deepening of the agrarian crisis) and to sharply intensify the fundamental contradictions of capitalism.

In this situation, all the capitalist countries are developing their war industries to unprecedented dimensions, and are adapting all the principal branches of industry, as well as agriculture, to the needs of war. The "demand" thus created for means of extermination and destruction, combined with open inflation (U. S. A., Great Britain and Japan), and hidden inflation (Germany), has in the past year caused an increase in output in some branches of industry in a number of countries (particularly non-steel, non-ferrous metals, the chemical and textile industries). But this whipping up of production for non-productive purposes, or the speculative leaps in production on the basis of inflation, is accompanied by stagnation or a fall in production in a number of other branches (machine building, building, the production of articles of consumption), and in the near future cannot but lead to the still greater disturbance of state finances and to a still further intensification of the general crisis of capitalism.

The furious struggles for foreign and colonial markets has already assumed the form of an actual international economic war. Is the Crisis Ending?

(5) Therefore the estimation of the present world situation as one in which capitalism has succeeded in consolidating its position, in which it is already on the path towards overcoming its general crisis, is completely wrong. Even the most savage terror which the bourgeoisie employs, in order to suppress the revolutionary movement cannot, in the conditions when capitalism is shaken, for long frighten the advanced strata of the toilers and restrain it from taking action; the indignation which this terror has aroused even among the majority of the workers who followed the social-democrats, makes them readier to accept Communist agitation and propaganda. When the bourgeoisie reorganizes its tottering dictatorship on a fascist basis in order to create a firm, solid support, it is in the present conditions, leads to the strengthening, not only of its class terrorism, but also of the elements which disrupt its power, to the destruction of the authority of bourgeois law in the eyes of the broad masses, to the growth of internal friction among the bourgeoisie and to the acceleration of the collapse of its main social support—"socialist" and reformist leadership. Finally, when the bourgeoisie tries, by an aggressive war policy, to only temporarily divert the international antagonisms and the danger for capitalism which arises from them.

The Maturing of the Revolutionary Crisis.

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The following is the latest thesis of the Communist International on the chief problems facing the world's workers today. It is slightly condensed to save space. The full text was published in the Daily Worker of Jan. 13. No one can authoritatively speak on these important political questions without a thorough knowledge of contents of this document.

POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL



influence of social-democracy.

In the present situation, in conditions when antagonistic class forces are strained to the utmost, the growth of the revolutionary movement in individual capitalist countries can have a constant or level character even less than before. In China there is a war, intervention and revolution. In Japan there is the growth of the forces of revolution and the mobilization of the military fascist forces on the eve of great class conflicts. In Spain there is the clash between revolution and counter-revolution. In the U. S. A. there is a wave of mass strikes of the workers and indignation among the farmers against the bourgeois program for overcoming the crisis.

In Germany, the revolutionary hatred of the proletariat is growing at the present moment in less open forms. There, enormous revolutionary energy is being accumulated among the masses and a new revolutionary upsurge is already beginning. The strained situation in Germany sharpens to the extreme the class relations in the neighboring countries (Czechoslovakia, Austria, the Baltic countries, as well as in the Scandinavian countries, in Holland, Belgium and in Switzerland. In Poland, the mass strikes of the workers are accompanied by big revolutionary actions in the Polish rural districts. In Bulgaria, in spite of the terror, the majority of the workingclass solidly follow the Communist Party. In Rumania, there is a big strike of railwaymen, with barricade fighting.

The growing uncertainty of the bourgeoisie, the lack of finding a way out of the crisis, only by the intensified exploitation of the toilers of their own countries, has led the imperialists to put their main stake on war. The international situation bears all the features of the eve of a new world war.

Soviet China Big Factor of World Revolution

(1) The flames of a new world war are flaring up in the Pacific. The Japanese militarists, spurred on by the profound international crisis which the bourgeoisie and landlord monarchy is undergoing, are continuing the predatory conquests of their "imperialism" in China on the ground of the "interests of the nation" and the slogan of "defense of democracy", and "defense against German fascism". They actively participate in the preparations for war against Germany. The German social-democrats openly voted in the Reichstag for the "interests of the nation" and the slogan of "defense of democracy", and "defense against German fascism". At the same time, the Second and Amsterdam Internationals are adapting their policy to the situation of the war, trying to oppose to the governments their own bourgeoisie and to ensure that the main blow will be directed at the U. S. S. R.; they hypocritically ask this by expressing readiness to reply to a general strike and a boycott, but they declare in advance

that they will do so only against the government that will be declared the aggressor by the League of Nations. They pretend to be leading a boycott against goods from fascist Germany, but they persecute the workers who really carry out the boycott. Under the slogans of pacifism and of a fight against war and fascism, they act as pioneers in working up public opinion in the capitalist countries in favor of a counter-revolutionary war against the U. S. S. R.

The bourgeoisie wants to postpone the doom of capitalism by a criminal imperialist war and a counter-revolutionary campaign against the land of victorious socialism. The great historical task of international Communism is to mobilize the broad masses against war even before war has begun, and thereby hasten the doom of capitalism.

The Fight Against Fascist Ideology.

The Communists must: Daily and concretely expose fascism to the masses in every country and oppose it by proletarian internationalism; in the imperialist countries come out determinedly for the independence of the colonies, for the liberation of the dependent nations from all national oppression; widely popularize the solution of the national question in the U. S. S. R. and the tremendous economic, social and cultural successes achieved by the peoples which were liberated by the October Revolution.

B. The Fight Against the Fascization of the Bourgeois Governments and Against War.

In the fight against the fascistization of the so-called "democratic" countries, the Communist Parties must first of all brush aside the fatalistic, defeatist line of the inevitability of a fascist dictatorship and imperialist war and also the opportunist underestimation of the tempo of fascistization and the threat of a world war, which condemn the Communist Parties to passivity.

In carefully explaining the economic and political slavery which the fascist dictatorship is bringing to the toilers, showing that the masses of the toilers are not socialist and are not bringing in a new order, but are lacking, lickspittles of capital, the Communists must rouse the masses in time for the defense of the trade unions, of the labor press, of the toilers' organizations, and all provocations of fascism (the burning of the Reichstag election, etc.), stirring up strikes and leading the proletariat up to mass political strikes; (b) Penetrate all the fascist mass organizations and also workers' revolutionary work in the forced labor camps; while fighting against the revolutionary workers leaving the fascist trade unions individually, but not calling upon the workers to join the fascist trade unions, the Communists must utilize all

mass movements as well as all the manifestations of discontent shown by the masses in the fascist trade unions in order to form and consolidate independent class trade unions, WHILE at the same time continuing their revolutionary work inside the fascist organizations; (c) expose the policy of the farmers' kulaks which fascism pursues in the interests of the landlords and the banks, illustrating this by concrete examples from their own farm life; join the mass fascist organizations in the rural districts in order to split off the toiling farmers; organize the agricultural proletariat in independent trade unions which are to serve as the main lever for the whole work in the rural districts.

In addition to increased agitation, the Communist Parties must by all means in their power ensure the practical organization of mass action (increasing the work among the railwaymen, seamen and harbor workers, preventing the shipping of arms and troops, hindering the execution of orders for military conscription, organizing demonstrations against military maneuvers, etc.) and must intensify political educational work in the army and in the navy.

The XIII Plenum of the E. C. C. I. calls upon all the workers and the toilers of every country, self-sacrificingly, to defend the U. S. S. R. against the counter-revolutionary conspiracy of the imperialists, and to defend the Chinese revolution and its Soviet power from imperialist intervention.

C. Against Social-Democracy and For a United Front from Below.

In their fight against social-democracy, the Communists must prove to the workers that the new bankruptcy of social-democracy and the Second International was historically inevitable. While carefully exposing to the masses and refuting the hypocritical and treacherous sophistries of social-democratic leaders, the Communists must win over the social-democratic workers for active revolutionary struggle under the leadership of the Communist Parties.

The workingclass by its treachery at the time of the imperialist war and the October Revolution, has in all countries, in accordance with directives of the Second International, refused the Communist Parties for united action, and sabotaged the united anti-fascist and anti-war movements created in Amsterdam and Paris, and in the face of fascism and war, strived to deepen the split in the ranks of the proletariat.

The XIII Plenum of the E. C. C. I. calls upon all Sections of the Communist International persistently to fight for the realization of a united militant front with the social-democratic workers in spite of the treacherous will of the treacherous leaders of social-democracy.

The fulfillment of these fundamental tasks demands:

(a) That the content and language of the press must henceforth be addressed to the broad strata of the proletariat and the toilers, showing the face of the Communist Parties in both agitation and in mass actions (demonstrations, strikes and other mass actions).

(b) Securing within the shortest time possible a decisive turn to the work in the factories, concentrating the forces of the Party

organization in the decisive enterprises and raising the political level of the leadership given by the factory nuclei to the daily class struggles.

(c) Putting an end to the opportunist, defeatist neglect of the trade union work and in particular work inside the reformist trade unions.

(d) Really developing mass work among the unemployed, carrying on an unrelenting fight for social insurance, for all kinds of municipal relief.

(e) Intensifying revolutionary work in the rural districts, developing the fight for all the partial demands of the farmers and the peasant time opposing the kulak demands which conflict with the interests of the proletariat and the village poor; obtaining a foothold among the farm laborers, poor farmers and the semi-proletarian elements of the villages; to win over the basic masses of the small and middle farmers.

(f) Increasing the mass work among women at the same time promoting and training even now, a body of active Party women, who, during the war, could in a number of cases replace mobilized comrades.

(g) Putting an end to the narrowness of the Y. C. L. and really turning it towards the masses of working youth, struggling against the compulsory government system of fascistization and militarization. The Communist Parties must give every possible help to the Y. C. L. in developing the work inside the mass bourgeois and reformist youth organizations (cultural, sporting, etc.) and in the formation of Y. C. L. cells in the factories.

Discipline and Fighting Fitness.

The XIII Plenum of the E. C. C. I. sets before all Communist Parties as most important tasks the carrying out of regular and constant check-ups on the strengthening of their ranks, of preparing to function secretly, of fighting up discipline and fighting fitness of every Party organization and of every member of the Party.

The whole situation demands that the Communist Parties prepare in good times cadres for secret work, that they seriously tackle on form and content the combatting stool-pigeons, that they combine the methods of strict secrecy with securing the best contacts with the masses.

Only the concentration of all the efforts of the Party organizations on form and content, the nucleus and intensifying the work of the Communist fractions in all of the mass organizations can ensure contacts with the masses and also the maximum of secrecy and efficiency.

(1) The Communist Party must with all resoluteness raise before the masses the task of the revolutionary war out of the crisis of capitalism.

Against the quick panaceas of the fascists and social-fascists for saving decaying capitalism, the Communist Parties must prove to the masses that the ills of capitalism are incurable. Therefore, the Communists, while defending in every way the demands of the toilers, must untiringly disclose to the masses who are suffering from the exploitation of capitalism the whole truth, viz., that their catastrophic conditions will grow worse and worse under the blows of the continuous offensive of capitalism, until the toilers succeed in uniting their forces for a counter-blow and the crushing

of bourgeois rule.

There is no way out of the general crisis of capitalism other than the one shown by the Russian Revolution via the overthrow of the exploiting class by the proletariat, the confiscation of the banks, of the factories, the mines, transport, houses, the stocks of goods of the capitalists, and the lands of the landlords.

Living Example of Soviet Union.

(2) It is necessary to increasingly popularize the living example of the Land of the Soviets and to explain to the toilers and the exploited masses in all capitalist countries how Soviet economy, freed from the anarchy of the crisis of capitalism, is in the position to develop unhindered the productive forces on the basis of a socialist plan.

It is necessary to unfold before the toilers of each country a program which, basing itself on the experience of the great triumphs of the Soviet workers and collective farmers on all fronts of the class struggle and socialist construction, should, while making allowance for the peculiar conditions of the different countries, show what the Soviet Power (a government of workers and farmers councils) will give them in their own country. At the same time it is necessary to emphasize in particular the abolition of unemployment and the elimination of uncertainty for the morrow under the Soviet power; the constant improvement in the conditions of labor and social insurance, along with the reduction of the working day, the liberation of the toilers of the countryside from all the remnants of feudalism and from all bondage; the provision of land for the landless peasants and those having little land; the support given to the poor peasants and the assistance rendered to the peasant co-operative societies and collective farms; the throwing open of all the doors of cultural development to the working class youth and to all the toilers, etc.

The Soviet power, which is based on the mass organization of the workers and the proletariat, offers the possibility of the wide and real enjoyment of democracy by all the toiling masses who were formerly oppressed by capitalism.

Chief Slogan is—Soviet Power.

(3) It is necessary with all insistence to raise the question of power in the mass work of the Communist Parties. The chief slogan of the Communist International is "SOVIET POWER".

The example of the U. S. S. R. is the example of BOLSHEVISM. Only this example shows the way out, and the way to save the exploited and oppressed in all the imperialist and colonial countries.

The Plenum of the E. C. C. I. obliges the Sections of the Communist International to be on their guard at every turn of events, and to exert every effort without losing a moment for the revolutionary preparation of the proletariat for the impending decisive battles for power.

CWA CAMP WORKER TELLS STORY

The following is a letter from a worker now in one of Roosevelt's CWA Camps:

"I have been in the camp in San Francisco, where I was unable to secure work on C. W. A. projects. I applied for a C. W. A. camp job. After passing a strict physical examination I was shipped to Camp Navarro in Mendocino county, an old logging camp on the Southern Pacific property 3 1/2 miles from the town of Navarro. Now I am almost starving here. What little food we get is so terrible that it is almost impossible to eat it. For breakfast—hot cakes (read), scrambled eggs (corn meal) and coffee (boiler compound); for dinner—stewed, boiled or roast beef with potatoes as the only vegetable, and corn starch pudding.

Hard-boiled Eggs—Luxury

The scrambled eggs for breakfast are prepared the night before, five or six dozen being broken into a large bowl, a little milk added with enough corn starch to make a thick paste. The next morning this mixture is fried by Chief Cook Peterson (a real belly-robbor) in a kitchen that has been cleaned once in six weeks. Once every two weeks we get boiled eggs. When asked why we didn't get them more often Peterson replied, "The mess fund mustn't run too high."

(Shortly prior to this, Peterson was overheard saying to an assistant cook, "If I can keep the mess fund low enough I might get a bonus.")

The only fresh fruit we have had since we have been in camp (dried fruit is served twice a week) were six bags of rotten apples which were given us as a special Christmas treat. Until recently, when spring water was piped into camp, our drinking and cooking water came from the Navarro River, which for the past month has been full of dead and dying salmon that had come up to spawn. Men were detailed to spear the dead fish and bury them. It is a miracle that a serious epidemic did not break out.

A Treat—Late in December Peterson gave us a treat. Plabby, half-

dead salmon were fished out of the river, and over the protest of the butcher, who declared that they were unfit to eat, were served after having been placed in brine for two days. All the men who ate this rotten salmon had acute diarrhea. But the mess fund must not run too high!

The work here consists of clearing brush and stump lands, building roads, and a general improvement of the S. P. property on which the camp is situated. Notices are posted warning the men to remain within a half mile of camp, no one being allowed to leave the camp at night, and only one man was pass, during the day. For the first two weeks of camp, no lights were furnished in the bunk-houses; now each bunk-house has one candle (the ranger evidently read Wollenberg's advice that a worker should have a candle when he was employed). When some of the men bought oil lamps there was talk of charging them for the kerosene used.

And still conditions get worse. When the men protested to Ranger Lindholm, his excuse was that he was a temporary ranger without authority to make a change. When District Ranger Metcalf came to inspect the camp all the men marched to the office and demanded better conditions, with emphasis on food.

Lindholm told us that he was sorry they had protested in the presence of his guest, Metcalf.

No Doctors

In this camp of 110 men there is a small medicine chest hardly large enough for a small family. When a worker called "Red" broke two ribs while working he lay in camp for two days before the ranger could get instructions as to what to do with him, and now he gets no compensation.

With conditions like this, continually getting worse, the militant spirit of the men is growing. They realize that only by united action can they better conditions. I am writing this letter in the hope that it will help expose the rotten conditions here. I will tell you how we bettered them.

Summary of the 13th Plenum Proceedings

The word "plenum" is derived from a Latin word meaning "full". The "13th Plenum" is therefore the 13th full meeting of the Executive Committee of the Communist International.

The XIII Plenum of the Executive Committee of the Communist International was held in Moscow in December.

The XIII Plenum of the E. C. C. I. heard the following reports:

1.—Report by Comrade Kuusinen on fascism, the war danger and the tasks of the Communist Parties.

2. Reports from the Parties: (a) Report by Comrade Pieck on the activity of the Communist Party of Germany.

(b) Report by Comrade Pollitt on united front tactics in England.

After hearing Comrade Kuusinen's report and the reports of Comrades Pieck and Pollitt, the Plenum, following upon a thorough discussion, adopted its thesis on fascism, the war danger and the tasks of the Communist Parties.

In connection with the report by Comrade Pieck, the Plenum approved the work of the C. P.

of Germany since the coming into power of the fascists, and the proposed plan for further activity.

In connection with Comrade Pollitt's report the Plenum "declared that the C. P. of Great Britain had achieved some success in carrying out the united front, particularly with regard to the Independent Labor Party. The Plenum proposed that the C. P. of Great Britain strengthen its struggle for a united front

on the basis of concrete demands, drawing in the workers who still support the Labor Party and the Trade Union bureaucrats, at the same time exposing the maneuvers of the leaders of the Labor Party and Independent Labor Party.

3. With regard to the third point on the Agenda, the Plenum decided to call the VII Congress of the Comintern during the second half of 1934.

The Plenum carried out supplementary elections to the Presidium and approved the financial report of the E. C. C. I.

The Plenum also issued an appeal on the Fascist Terror to the workers of all countries.

All decisions were adopted by the Plenum unanimously.

The thesis and decisions of the XIII Plenum are to be published simultaneously with this announcement.

Political Secretariat of the E. C. C. I.

7th World Congress of C. I. to Convene Latter Part of 1934

DECISION OF THE XIII PLENUM OF THE E. C. C. I.

1. To call the VII Congress during the second half of 1934.

2. To instruct the Presidium of the E. C. C. I. not later than June 1st, publish the Agenda for the Congress, to name the speakers for the different questions on the Agenda and to set the quota of representation of the individual sections of the C. I. at the VII Congress.

3. To oblige the Sections of the C. I. to begin the preparation of the VII Congress in all Party organizations as soon as the Agenda is made public.

4. To oblige the Central Committee of all the Communist Parties to submit before June 1st, to the Presidium of the E. C. C. I. any proposals they may have regarding the Agenda of the Congress.

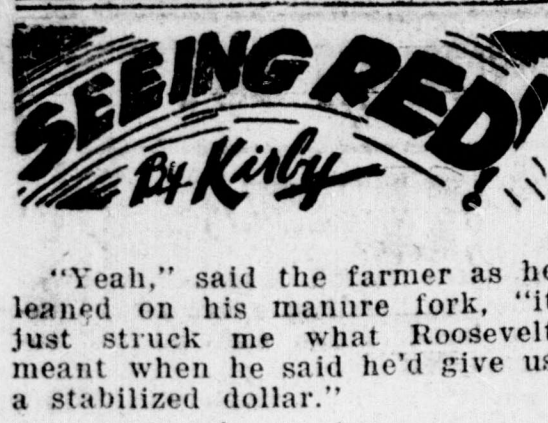
Financial Report to 13th ECCI Plenum

The XIII Plenum of the E. C. C. I., after examining the financial report for 1932, submitted by the Political Secretariat of the E. C. C. I., resolves:

(a) To approve the report in its entirety.

(b) To publish the financial Balance Sheet for 1932.

RECEIPTS	
1. Carried over from 1931	\$ 74,948.75
2. Membership dues (for 38 Parties, including 3,559,647 members; the Y. C. L. and 19 Parties are exempted from payment of membership dues; the remaining Parties have not presented their financial report)	967,819.35
3. Collections and donations	28,364.80
4. Receipts from publishing houses and telegraph agencies	63,330.00
Total	1,134,522.90
EXPENDITURES	
Administrative expenditure (maintenance of apparatus, running expenses of buildings, etc.)	\$ 415,120.00
Postal and telegraph charges	37,627.65
Subsides to Party papers and publishing houses and for Party educational work	601,000.00
Travelling expenses	47,589.30
Balance for 1933	30,086.25
Total	\$1,134,522.90



"Yeah," said the farmer as he leaned on his plow. "It just struck me what Roosevelt meant when he said he'd give us a stabilized dollar."

"Japan is actuated by no ulterior motives other than her desire to establish enduring peace in east Asia."

—Foreign Minister Hirota.

Real friend
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Only he
Sells the workingman
Enough propaganda to
Vouch his every fear,
Even though he does
Leave his
T troubles unsolved.

—R. Stevens.

LENNOX, Cal., Jan. 18.—The Red Flag flew in Lawndale Park today. The flag was wired fast, and the tall pole had been greased, so the flag floated bravely in the breeze throughout the day.

A CWA worker was asked to assist in removing the offending banner.

"Hell, no!" he replied. "I'd like to see one over the White House."

BLACK KETTLE TO BLACK POT.

When seventy-five prisoners in San Jose jail went on hunger strike against their starvation rations, lynch-sheriff Emig got indignant. "They ought to be ashamed of themselves. Most of them are living better in jail than they would be if they were free." So far the heads of the unemployed shelter have not answered.

BRIGHT SAYINGS OF CHILDREN:

"The courtroom is a sacred place wherein justice is dispensed."

—S. F. Judge Meikle, just before holding for trial two workers who stood on their rights and refused her order to salute a flag.

"The coal industry is on the highest level of its history," said John Lewis, of the A. F. L. United Mine Workers of America in his biennial report. "Pres. Roosevelt and his NRA program are the saviour of American labor. A bright future is ahead for us." Meaning no doubt that they have gotten the NRA mine companies to assure their dues collection for them.

S. P. Fakers Aid Stools to Split Up Portland Jobless

GAINS FROM UNITED ACTION BRINGS DISRUPTORS INTO ACTION

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 25.—Helping Police Chief Lawson in his effort to smash unity of the unemployed here, a small gang of self-styled "leaders" of the Unemployed Citizens League are trying to split it by forming a new outfit, the United Citizens League.

From the beginning of the Multnomah County Unemployed Federation, this group, led by Walter Whitebeck, J. E. Look, Walton Rook and Stanley Anderson, aided by leading members of the Socialist Party local, have tried to wreck the Federation because it was gaining more strength through militant mass action. Attempts to withdraw the Civic Emergency group from the united front, and efforts to oust Unemployed Councils, failed. They have carried on a consistent campaign of slander and disruption.

Tuesday at a meeting of the Unemployed Leagues, the gang tried to get the new organization adopted. Various locals of the League had previously voted against it. In their efforts to put their scheme over Whitebeck disclosed stool-pigeon activity, in the reading of letters stolen from the Communist Party, and speaking of many matters involving inner-party information, his idea being to raise the red scare and discredit the Communists and others. The information clearly came from one unit where a member had been recently expelled as a stool-pigeon.

Whitebeck is a local petty politician, constantly associating with police heads, while Anderson and Look are promoting a back-to-the-land movement, and have their new group sponsoring Look admits getting \$1000 for this, calling it "expenses".

Evict Family From Martin Ranch; Were Out on Strike

FARMERSVILLE, Cal., Jan. 17.—A family of thirteen was evicted from the Martin ranch near here when, together with nine other Mexican families here, they struck against the miserable conditions under which they had long been working.

The boss on the ranch held out all their pay checks and paid them only in miserable short rations of beans, potatoes, coffee, sugar, onions and flour. The workers, though, toiling on the ranch for several years, were unorganized and felt they could get no justice in a capitalist court, anyway. Finally, refusing to endure it any longer, they struck. They were clubbed, jailed and some evicted.

The Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union is fighting to get relief for these families and for the other Mexican families. They are particularly discriminated against for activities in this and other strikes, but the Mexican workers find their great strength in the fact of belonging to an organization which fights with and for them without caring a damn about the color of their skin or their race.

—G. A.

Seattle Theater Groups Unite

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 10.—At a special meeting, called by a member of the bureau of the Western District of the League of Workers Theaters, two groups became affiliated with the League and a third was contacted.

A section was formed, and an executive committee elected. Though the Seattle groups were not sufficiently prepared, they will not be represented in the Theater Competition to be held in Los Angeles, Feb. 17 and 18, delegates will attend the convention.

Sacramento Cops Can't Scare the Chinese Comrades

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 24.—Last week four Chinese members of the Anti-Imperialist League were selling their paper in the Chinese neighborhood when two bulls, armed with a rifle and revolver, took away their papers and tickets they had for an affair and after kicking one of them in the stomach, took them to headquarters.

and ordered to leave town in two hours. "The Chinese will kill you if you don't," the bulls declared to intimidate them.

Western Worker Readers! Attention!!

THERE WILL BE NO SEMI-WEEKLY IF ONLY THE \$5,000.00 IS RAISED!!

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It is true that during this week a larger number of subscriptions came than in any previous week of the drive. But it is still far below number needed to reach our goal.

There are two main reasons for the drive being so one-sided.

- Many of our readers who are not yet subscribers do not realize that subscribers are the main foundation for the paper, and delay sending in their own subscriptions. They lose sight of the fact that the only way to make sure that no copy of the semi-weekly will be missed, to save yourself the job of looking for it twice a week, and incidentally to save money, IS TO SUBSCRIBE.
- Most of our party units and supporting organizations are slow in starting the canvass for subs seriously. Very few have assigned committees to visit all supporters of the revolutionary movement and the members of our organizations. THIS SHOULD BE STARTED IMMEDIATELY.

BUT—If everyone who reads this notice, would immediately send in a sub for him or herself, or subscribe a friend, the goal would be laid for the semi-weekly in ONE WEEK'S TIME.

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(2) SAN FRANCISCO: Unit 22	5.00
Unit 9	7.05
Anna Rose House Party	2.12
Unit 26 Party	5.00
Unit 16 Party	2.49
Unit 15	54.42
(3) SONOMA SECTION: Petaluma Lenin Memorial	3.64
Petaluma New Years Affair	23.30
Petaluma Movie Showing	11.96
SACRAMENTO: New Years Eve balance	11.55
Movie	2.31
Lenin Memorial	1.43
Unit 5 House Party	7.85
EAST BAY: Hayward Movie	2.00
Berkeley Lenin Memorial	5.60
Oakland So. Slav Workers Club	1.00
Berkeley Unit	3.00
Oakland Unit 4	3.20
MONTEREY: Salinas Movie Showing	5.34
FRESNO: Lenin Memorial	.53
Reedley Memorial	4.46
SAN JOSE: Palo Alto Movie	3.40
W. K. G.	2.00
Freiheit Drive 25%	25.00
TOTAL SIXTH WEEK	\$ 277.29
Previously acknowledged	2789.45
TOTAL TO DATE	\$ 3066.74

WITH OUR ORGANIZATIONS

TRADE UNION FRACTIONS

By Walter Lambert

In the year of 1933 more than 40,000 workers were led in successful strike struggles by the Trade Union Unity League thru-out California. In the face of these victories won under the leadership of the revolutionary trade unions, our increase in the ranks of the Communist Party is insignificant. Not only have we failed to sufficiently increase our party membership but we have lost to a great extent the organizational gains made by our trade unions.

All of our leading party functionaries agree that it is necessary to fuse our party with the workers in industry before it will be possible to build an effective mass revolutionary party. However, results show that this apparent understanding of our problems is only superficial. Even after our thorough discussions in all party sections and units on the open letter the first practical steps have not been taken.

Fishermen's Union Example

We have several striking examples showing why the party leadership remains isolated from those workers that we have already led in struggle under the militant program of the T. U. U. L. Let us consider first our position in regard to the workers in the fishing industry. During the strike of the sardine fishermen, the T. U. U. L. thru union delegates among the fishermen recruited approximately 2000 into the Fishermen & Cannery Workers Industrial Union, in about three weeks. Union locals were established in San Francisco, San Pedro, Monterey and San Diego. Yet in none of these ports did the party section committees take any steps to involve their units in the strike activities. In most cases the section leadership justified their lack of participation by stating that the strike was the business of the TUUL and further that none of their membership knew anything about the fishing industry. Therefore almost the only contact our party had with

these fishermen was through two members of the San Francisco Trade Union Unity Council, the result being that after the strike was over our party was just as isolated from the fishermen as before. But worse yet, because we did not establish party fractions our union locals have suffered to a great extent.

This case of the fishermen is by no means an exceptional one but because the same strike affected several sections in the state, it showed how general our lack of understanding of trade union work is throughout the district. It is necessary that we have more than a theoretical discussion on our mistakes, that we also have an outline of a few practical steps that must be taken by the section committees and units during strike struggles in the affected territories.

What To Do

1.—The Section Committee or unit bureau should call a special meeting immediately to lay plans to involve the membership in the strike activity and to instruct them to make personal friends with the strikers. It is probably true in many cases that our members do not know the problems of the workers nor are they acquainted with strike strategy and tactics. However our members will only learn the practical lessons in this by personal day to day contact with the strikers. Only if the party members make close acquaintance will they be able to recruit these workers to the Communist Party.

2.—At the regular Section Committee or unit bureau meetings the T. U. U. L. should make the most important question on the agenda and all campaigns such as elections, sub-divisions, etc., should be made a part of the strike activity.

3.—The new party members recruited among the strikers should immediately be formed into a union or strike fraction with the most capable comrade of the Section or unit bureau assigned to be responsible for the proper functioning of this fraction.

4.—This fraction should co-

ordinate its work with the TUUL comrades that have been assigned to get an introduction to the workers for union work from other sections.

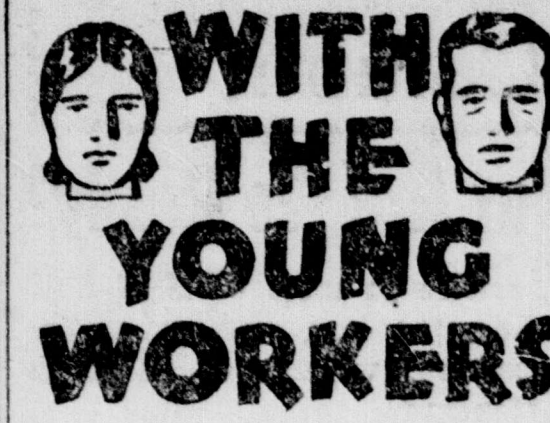
5.—These same instructions apply even where the strike is not under the direct leadership of the TUUL or the party.

The carrying out of these simple instructions, comrades, is our only guarantee that we will be able to maintain functioning trade unions after the strikes end and also be able to further recruit for the party.

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WITH THE YOUNG WORKERS

Archie Brown Goes on Tour for YCL

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 22.—Archie Brown, East Bay Section YCL Organizer, will go on a district tour beginning February 10th in the East Bay Section and winding up in San Francisco on March 24th. This tour has been arranged to raise funds for uniforms, and to carry on a thorough campaign. \$500 is to be raised.

Mass meetings and debates are to be arranged for Comrade Brown by all towns, the subjects to be around anti-war, Socialism vs. Capitalism, etc.

Comrade Brown's schedule in part, follows:

Oakland	Sat., Feb. 10
Berkeley	Sun., Feb. 11
Hayward	Mon., Feb. 12
Stockton	Tues., Feb. 13
Lodi	Wed., Feb. 14
Sacramento	Thurs., Feb. 15
Chico	Fri., Feb. 16
Eureka	Sat., Feb. 17
Petaluma	Sun., Feb. 18

Com. Brown will then speak in the coast, San Joaquin Valley and Southern California towns.

Boss Press Forced To Admit Progress Of the Soviet YCL

"KOMSO MOL" NOW HAS FIVE MILLION MEMBERS

The "San Francisco News" printed a special issue of series of three articles about the "Komso mol," the Young Communist League of the USSR. Even the capitalistic press is forced to give credit to this growing proletarian youth organization.

Following are some quotations from the "News":

"An interview with A. V. Kesarov, leader of the 'Komso mol,' dispelled many preconceived ideas that have grown up abroad, regarding the new generation, that is preparing to run the new world."

The "News" admits that the organization, which has more than 5,000,000 members, is healthy, sane, ambitious for the common welfare and, above all, normal in the highest sense. Being ambitious, it is seeking the greatest degree of culture, the highest education, and the greatest comfort for all.

Two phases of youth philosophy, the "News" continues, have been purposely misunderstood in the capitalistic countries. The first, morals, sex, marriage, divorce, birth control. The second, sport and recreation; dancing, music, plays, competitive athletic contests. In the relationship of the two sexes, these young people would stand the severest tests of both sexes and Christian moralities. Their marital relations are on as high a level as anywhere in the world. Husbands and wives are comrades.

Healthy, Happy

The "News" states further that since the recognition of the Soviet Union by the Roosevelt government, the U. S. A. enjoys a great popularity among the Russian youth. Not in ideological or economical, but in technical problems they look towards America. The serious-minded youth of a few years ago, are now enjoying dancing, music, movies, etc. The changed philosophy holds that being a Communist in the 17th year of the revolution need no longer be a solemn and painful business.

As Comrade Kesarov indicated, the Russian youth, too want nice apartments, cars, good automobiles, good clothes. Communists do not oppose these things, on the contrary, we are working for the time when the Socialist land will be real enough to provide these things for every body.

How long will it take, before the majority of the vast masses of the exploited American youth realize the necessity for an organization as basically sound and powerful as the Russian "Komso mol"? Fight fight against capitalists! Strengthen the lines of the workers!

Youth of America, join the YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE.

Imperial Valley

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other ways. The protest meeting at which Wirin was to have spoken was then arranged.

The State Highway patrol during the strike acted under orders of the big ranchers and were responsible for the violence and brutality against the workers. Capitalist papers aided their campaign, showing pictures of the "strikers' clubs," obtained by taking the fuel out of the wood-box in the union hall.

(A graphic, detailed story of the kidnapping will appear in the next issue of the Western Worker.)

Tulare Workers to Demonstrate

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and the children came home with brand new outfits.

In conjunction with other C & AWWU locals in this section Earlhart workers will join in a demonstration before the county supervisors Tuesday, Feb. 6 for relief, followed by a local demonstration against CWA cuts.

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— San Francisco —
DANCE AND ENTERTAINMENT given by Greek Workers Educational Club for benefit of workers press. Saturday, Feb. 3rd, 8 p. m., 1171 Market St., Room 301. Adm. 15c.

MOVIES OF CWA JOBS and an ENTERTAINMENT—Sat., Feb. 3rd, 8 p. m., 121 Haight St., Program, dancing, refreshments. Adm. 25c a couple. Given by Construction Workers Industrial Union.

BIG WESTERN WORKER DANCE AND ENTERTAINMENT, Sat., Feb. 3rd, 8 p. m., 121 Haight St., Russian Balalaika Orchestra and solo numbers. We're not announcing the menu—that's a big surprise. Entire proceeds go to WESTERN WORKER. Aspires Unit No. 1, Communist Party (Downtown Section).

W. I. R. DINNERS — EVERY SUNDAY from 2 to 7 p. m. at 121 Haight St. Full chicken dinner, 35c. Special arrangements being made for other organizations to obtain 10% net proceeds by cooperating that Sunday.

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Los Angeles

SPECIAL MEETING, John Reed, English Branch International Workers Order, will be held on Monday, Feb. 5th at 821 1/2 So. Santee St. Comrade N. Shaffer, National Organizer now on tour will be principal speaker. All workers invited.

8th ANNUAL CARNIVAL BALL AND CONCERT given by the Women's Council at the Workers Center, 2705 Brooklyn Ave., Sat., Feb. 10, 1934, Tickets 19c.

Oakland

WESTERN WORKER ENTERTAINMENT—A play, tap dancers, vocal and instrumental selections, dancing, etc., and more! Meyers Hall, 1416-94th ave., Sun., Feb. 4th, 7 p. m. A good time for all! Be there!

STRIKES AND STRUGGLES OF THE PAST YEAR—Movie by Film and Photo League, Wed. Feb. 7, 8 p. m. at 645 22nd St., Oakland. Adm. 10c. To raise funds to send unemployed delegates to Washington Convention. Aspires Unemployed Council.

Berkeley

ENTERTAINMENT AND DANCE for the Western Worker—Sun., Feb. 4, Comrades Hall, 1818 10th St., Berkeley. Adm. 15c.

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Editorial Column

Growers Prepare - But Are We Ready?

The last two months for the growers in most parts of California were like a breathing spell from the long series of strikes that proved to them that the agricultural workers of California will not meekly accept their coolie standards.

But, during all this time they were haunted by the fear that the strike wave will be renewed and strengthened, that they will have to yield some of their big profits in the form of increased wages. The Imperial Valley, Orange and Pescadero strikes prove that to be a doubt.

A recent issue of the Pacific Rural Press expresses the attitude of the growers and landlords in their editorial "The Communist Menace".

"An amazing inside story of the effort of Communist leaders to organize the agricultural workers in California has come out in a series of meetings which the agricultural committee of the State Chamber of Commerce has been holding in this state. Also the recent annual meeting of the Farm Bureau at Santa Barbara disclosed the same serious situation, and as a result of a conference in San Francisco last week the State Chamber and the Farm Bureau will co-operate in the appointment of a committee to make plans for meeting the problem next year."

At each of the meetings mentioned, resolutions were adopted requesting the federal government to "halt" the advance of Communism. They want federal troops to be ready, wholesale deportations, and that even NRA arbitrations be kept out.

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"Because I have intimate knowledge of what occurred in Kern and Tulare counties last year, when men were killed and Communist activities in the cotton fields of my district, I agree with the farm bureau officials, and ask that the federal government, through the department of justice, step in and halt these Communist moves."

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There is still another reason why the bosses and their politicians are so anxious to get the Federal government to take drastic action in California. They know that the coming state elections will follow immediately after all the harvests, and the inevitable strikes. During these strikes the workers will learn more of these strike-breaking representatives in Washington and Sacramento, while on the other hand they will see the Communist candidates leading them in their struggles.

The fact that Attorney-General Cummings announced he had not yet found any laws that would permit the Federal government to intervene, means little. It is only a conflict between the two capitalist machines, on which should do the dirtiest work. Rolph's terror policy during the last harvest proves to Washington that he knows how to handle things for the bosses.

The committee appointed by the growers' is for co-ordinating vigilante activities, and for more efficient utilization of such fakers as the Mexican Consul and A. F. of L. agents.

But how are we fixed? Do we really deserve as much credit at the bosses give us? Is our Agricultural Union in shape for the big battles approaching?

From reports coming from many parts of the state, the bosses are exaggerating a bit—obviously for their own benefit. Many of our locals do not meet. Dues payments are far below the membership. Many of our workers still have the feeling that the time to come to union headquarters is on the eve of a strike.

There is very little time left! The only way to meet the preparations of the big growers, bankers and packers, is to have our organization tightly knit together NOW. Only that will mean that field, shed and cannery workers will be able to live like human beings for the coming year.

S. P. Leaders Allies of Lynchers

"In our struggles for true internationalism against the 'Jingo Socialists' we have always pointed in our press at the conciliatory leaders of the Socialist Party of America, who are in favor of restricting immigration of Chinese and Japanese workers. We think it is impossible to be an internationalist while favoring such restrictions. We assert that as long as the American and, particularly English Socialists, who belong to a RULING and OPPRESSING nation, are in favor of any kind of restriction of immigration and possessing colonies (the Hawaiian Islands) — as long as they do not stand for the full independence of the latter, they are in reality 'jingos'."

This is how Lenin characterized the Hillquits, Thomases and their kind in 1915, in a letter from Switzerland to one of the early forerunners of the Communist Party in the United States, the Socialist Propaganda League. But this characterization applies today as perfectly as it did 19 years ago.

The Western Worker already has had occasion to expose how the Socialist NRA union of Turlock and Modesto came out for chasing out of the Filipino workers. Now comes the most shameful follow-up of this treachery. The Socialist Party organization in Sonoma County, The National Farmers Union, has joined together with the American Legion, Chamber of Commerce, and others of the most reactionary organizations there, to drive 150 Filipinos out of the county. Together with leading lynchers in Santa Rosa, its leaders met and repeated the usual pack of lies against the Filipino workers—that they insult white women, are immoral, and that the home is not safe with them around.

The Socialist Party is helping the lynchers split the workers. But what are the Communists of Sonoma County doing? Exactly the opposite. We need only quote a leaflet being spread in the county by our comrades:

WORKERS AND FARMERS, CITIZENS OF SONOMA COUNTY: A campaign of terror has been let loose against Filipino workers by anti-labor and anti-farmer organizations. Various slanderous and lying charges have been brought against them. The bosses that cut the wages of all the workers, including those of the FILIPINOS, have the nerve to blame the FILIPINO WORKERS for the low wages they receive. We never heard about lynchings against white women when they were needed to do the hard and dirty work.

This yarn is now being spread by the agents of the exploiters for the purpose of preventing THE GROWING UNITY OF THE WORKERS AND OPPRESSED FARMERS. In face of the mass discontent they are trying to set up one section of the toiling population against the other.

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Answer the lynch call of the bosses by a UNITED FRONT OF ALL THE TOILERS, irrespective of race, color, creed or nationality. STOP PERSECUTION OF FILIPINO WORKERS.

This is the only correct position that workers and poor farmers can take. It is by no means an easy road. It means battering down the white chauvinist ideas instilled in the minds of the masses through years of drilling. In such counties as Sonoma County when our comrades place themselves alongside of the Filipino workers, they have to face the lynchers. BUT THAT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY IF WE ARE TO BURN OUT THIS SCOURGE THAT IS EATING INTO THE HEART OF THE TOILING MASSES, ESPECIALLY HERE IN CALIFORNIA.

That this question is of first rate importance, especially now that we are entering another agricultural season and naturally another round of strikes for human working conditions, was made clear in the manner the boss press treats the strike of only 200 spinach workers at Pescadero. Big headlines appeared in the San Francisco papers on an "expected race riot" there between the Filipino and Japanese workers.

Socialist Party members, workers and farmers, should realize that the Leninist line followed by our Party makes it the only instrument for uniting the toiling masses in the fight to better their living conditions.

JOIN IT AND HELP IN THE GREAT TASK!

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Yes, yes, professor—but have you heard of company unions or Roosevelt Industrial Relations Board that legalizes strikes, or of the A. F. of L. leadership whose purpose is to prevent the strikes and to nullify the workers' right to organize into a militant union so they can win decent hours and wages? To let workers organize without the right to strike is a mockery—like giving a man a gun to defend himself and deprive him of bullets, while his opponent sits behind a loaded machine gun. Have you ever noticed the government making an effort to enforce the labor provisions of the codes to anyone's advantage but the employers? Have you seen the CWA providing scabs to break up strikes?

"However," said the professor, "the rise of factories was a godsend to overseers embarrassed with a swollen supply of pauper children. Until 1902, these children often worked 16 hours daily in dark, poorly-ventilated factories, and then their hours were only cut down to 12. What a blessing it is that NRA has abolished child labor and sweatshops in this country. . . ."

Professor! Were you down in the cotton fields of sunny California this fall? Did you not see white and Mexican children slaving in the fields for a few cents a day? And sweatshops, I can take you to a dozen within an hour, professor. But he went on:

"Of course, there was resentment against such conditions, and often there were local uprisings. In 1819, when the upper classes were moved by a spirit of reform, but not enough to pass a bill for reform, huge meetings were held for the defense of the bill. In Manchester, multitudes of disgruntled men assembled. The magistrates were alarmed and collected large bodies of policemen and Hussars. After the meeting began, the Chief of Police ordered his men to break it up and arrest the speakers. The crowd would not budge. Then the Hussars were ordered to charge. . . . There was terrible confusion, people were trodden on and killed by horses, and several were killed by saber wounds. In the end, the speakers were arrested and sentenced to a year or more of imprisonment. This celebrated event is known as the 'Manchester Massacre.' It directly inspired the poet Shelley to denounce it in a poem which concludes with this appeal to the people:

Rise, like lions after slumber, In unquenchable number! Shake your chains to earth, like dew Which in sleep had fallen on you! Ye are many, they are few."

"Shelley, of course, was a bit mad on the subject of the oppressed classes. Today no first-class poets choose—shall we say—such vulgar subjects. And we no longer have such incidents as the Manchester Massacre." Pardon me, professor, but did you read the newspaper accounts of the massacre of the Pikesville cotton pickers? Of the Ford workers? Of the daily shootings of the miners in the Kentucky and Illinois coal fields? Of course, it is best not to mention such realities, for what then would happen to your drooling about progress and the prosperity of labor under NRA? His quotation of poetry recalled to me another verse of Shelley:

Men of England, wherefore plough For the lords who lay ye low? Wherefore weave with toil and care The rich robes your tyrants wear? Wherefore feed and clothe and save From the cradle to the grave,

"STRENGTH THROUGH JOY"

By Stephen Peacock

Never in history has the milk of human kindness flowed in such torrents from the ruling class as in this year 1 of our Saviour, Franklin D. Roosevelt. The schemes invented, promoted and advertised to amuse unemployed workers are as plentiful as the "blended" whiskeys or Glutz's Little Liver Pills.

It took the blustering, bombastic bull-throating Nazis to concoct a scheme for paralyzing workers' minds which makes the Circus Maximus of ancient Rome appear as tame as a Socialist Party picnic.

"Strength Through Joy" is the name of the organization formed by the Nazis for the purpose of trying to make the masses forget Hitler's broken promises,—by showing them a "good time" instead of paying wages. According to Dr. Ley, head of the Nazi Deal in Germany, it will provide a substitute for "the lack of world's goods."

There is really nothing new about the German scheme to make workers forget their troubles. Here in America we develop them to a high point long ago. Football, baseball, movies, sport pages, elections, scandals, murders, etc. Workers are discouraged from reading about social and political problems which concern them. Instead, they are fed the latest from the love life of Rudy Vallee; Babe Ruth's new contract, or whether Battling Beannpole will be able to annihilate Kid Schmalz.

While the "Strength Through Joy" program is all-embracing and is supposed to offer unemployed or part time workers music, the cinema, the theatre, and the beauties of the countryside, it lays the greatest stress on athletics and exercise to pass the time away. It sure is a swell idea.

When you get up in the morning, don't worry about coffee-and-doughnuts. After all, these are material things that have to do with the stomach. It's your soul that really needs looking after. So to start the day right get over in the corner and stand on your head for fifteen minutes. That will give you a proper perspective of the whole situation, and you will see things not as a bad Bolshevik, from the lofty, idealistic, point of view—upside down.

After this fine breakfast, glide out to the Art Museum and gaze upon masterful reproductions of beefsteaks, fruit, fat bourgeois

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